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Description:

I am excited that this progressive plan includes water use efficiency, recycling, and groundwater treatment to meet California's current and future water needs.

I am distressed however at the inclusion of CALFED and local surface storage projects, including Shasta Dam, the Sites Offstream Storage Reservoir, the Los Vaqueros Reservoir, and the proposed Temperance Flat Dam. High public cost, environmental damage, little water. Clearly the wrong way to go.

California does not any new dams or surfaced water storage. There has been too much of this in the past, even the recent past. Our rivers are strangled by more than 1.000dams already. The benefits of free-flowing rivers far outweigh those of a little more very expensive storage. We can meet our needs without more damsor dam-raising.

The Planning and Conservation League (Investment Strategy for California Water) found that various fairly easy steps can increase the water available to Californians by around 5 million acre feet.

More emphasis needs to be placed on the declining Bay Delta Estuary ecosystem. There should definitely be no increase in Delta water exports.

Please strengthen the recommendation in the Update that all Californians have access to clean, reliable and affordable water for all their needs.

The state should also prepare for the impacts of global climate change on water supplies, water use, and land use by increasing river floodways, setting back levees, improving the operations of existing dams, and discouraging development in dangerous floodplains.
